

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1254–1261, and S. Res. 178–184. **Pages S5390–91**

Measures Passed:

Violence in Guatemala: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 155, expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5432**

United States Air Force Academy Football Program: Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, honoring and recognizing the achievements of the United States Air Force Academy football program over the last 27 years. **Pages S5432–33**

Honoring Jack Valenti: Senate agreed to S. Res. 182, honoring the life of Jack Valenti. **Pages S5433–34**

National Charter Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 183, supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, April 30, 2007, through May 4, 2007. **Page S5434**

National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 184, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating May 5, 2007, as “National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day”. **Pages S5434–35**

1955 Bonn Accords: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 141, urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the

Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5435**

Celebrating Young Americans: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 177, designating April 30, 2007, as “Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S5435–36**

National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 116, designating May 2007 as “National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research. **Page S5436**

Endangered Species Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 125, designating May 18, 2007, as “Endangered Species Day”, and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide. **Pages S5436–37**

American Eagle Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 146, designating June 20, 2007, as “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States. **Page S5437**

Commemorating Law Enforcement Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Bunning) Amendment No. 1007, to amend the preamble. **Page S5438**

Measures Considered:

Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments: Senate continued consideration of S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize

and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, after modifying the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5325–88**

Pending:

Landrieu Amendment No. 1004, to require the Food and Drug Administration to permit the sale of baby turtles as pets so long as the seller uses proven methods to effectively treat salmonella.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 990, to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S5380–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Dorgan Amendment No. 990 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 3, 2007. **Pages S5387–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. **Page S5438**

Appointments:

President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, reappointed and appointed the following Members to the President's Export Council:

Reappointment: Senator Dorgan.

Appointment: Senators Brown and Stabenow.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. , and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5438.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM BILL RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill, after re-

ceiving testimony from Senators Cardin and Menendez; Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle, Madison, on behalf of the Midwestern Governors Association; Olin Sims, National Association of Conservation Districts, McFadden, Wyoming; Ferd Hoefner, Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, and Julie M. Sibbing, National Wildlife Federation, on behalf of the Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group, both of Washington, D.C.; John Hansen, Nebraska Farmers Union, Lincoln, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; and Robert Harrington, Montana State Forester, Missoula, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters.

TRUCK DRIVER FATIGUE REDUCTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBRs) and truck driver fatigue reduction, after receiving testimony from John H. Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Mark V. Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, both of the Department of Transportation; John E. Harrison, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Jerry G. Gabbard, Siemens VDO Automotive Corporation, Issaquah, Washington; Anne T. McCartt, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Arlington, Virginia; Richard S. Reiser, Werner Enterprises, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, Inc.; and Richard G. Olson, Fil-Mor Express, Inc., Cannon Falls, Minnesota.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine advanced technology vehicles, focusing on the transportation system of the future, after receiving testimony from Mark M. Chernoby, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan; David Vieau, A123Systems, Watertown, Massachusetts; Martin Eberhard, Tesla Motors Inc., San Carlos, California; Walter McManus, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, Ann Arbor; and Phillip Baxley, Shell Hydrogen LLC, Houston, Texas.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.